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District of New Jersey - Camden Vicinage  
Mitchell H. Cohen Building & U.S. Courthouse  
4<sup>th</sup> & Cooper Streets - Room 1050  
Camden, NJ 08101  
Attn: Honorable Ann Marie Donio

**RE: Estate of Robert Lewis**  
**Estate of Jon Watson**

**Case No.: 1:15-cv-03503**  
**Case No.: 1:16-cv-06875**

Dear Judge Donio:

In anticipation of tomorrow's settlement conference in the matters of Estate of Robert Wayne Lewis, et al. v. Cumberland County, et al and Estate of John Leon Watson, et al. v. Cumberland County, et al. Plaintiff's bring the Court's attention to the news articles attached hereto for convenience.

Plaintiffs believe that the media coverage of the suicides and other problems occurring at the Cumberland County Jail, (CCJ) during the relevant period of time when the subject suicides took place demonstrates that the CCJ, its Wardens, administrators and personnel were engaged in deliberate indifference towards the health and safety of the inmates.

Clearly the records in the cases for discussion show that there were no significant steps taken by the CCJ to improve its procedures of intake and screening of inmates, delivery of health and mental health care, staffing, and training and supervision of corrections officers for suicide prevention, among other deficiencies.

Thank you for your considerations and attention in these matters.

Respectfully,

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